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The job has been done, well ahead of schedule time. The canal has been dug by the most capable and respondble and honest contractor and organ izer of effort on earth. Uncle SAM himhas been realized, with unparalleled efficiency and celerity. All honor to GOETHALS and GORGAS and the dead can officers who have given themselves body and soul to the accomplishment of

The canal is open for the world's traffic, and no man can compute its British brother is more hospitable. influence on the future of civilization. Thence it appears that he was born in West can do in the way of a world show. It is an American canal, forever to be wholly under the control of the United Canada. His Americanism consists in status which, as Colonel Roosevelt early joined THE SUN in pointing out, is "vital no less from the standpoint of our sea power than from the standpoint of the Monroe Doctrine."

Last but not least, the Panama Canal ampled opportunity due to revolutionized conditions in the world's trade is beckoning us to South America.

#### Our Bluejackets in Nicaragua. The landing of 500 American blue

Jackets at Bluefields, Nicaragua, within the last day or two is by no means a war measure. There are already a hundred marines in Managua, the capital of the republic, virtually preserving order there, though nominally only guarding the American Legation. The formidable party just landed is intended to head off trouble.

It appears that a couple of American soldiers of fortune have been trying to foment a disturbance in the in trest of the old Zelaya faction against the Government headed by President DIAZ. It is a recrudescence of the revolt which spread havoc in the country a little more than two years ago when the United States was obliged to send a large force of marines into Nicaragua. The hope of the revolutionists lay in the impoverished state of the country and in the fact that the Government is financially crippled.

Our sailors are landed now under property at the request of our Consul at Bluefields and with the full conent of the Nicaraguan Government. wiif, no doubt, be much broader. The in the "assembly-man" vein: troublemakers have a wholesome recollection of the American style of fightnot likely to show themselves when they may have to encounter Ameri. Dogs, rabbits, things, I spit on you!" cans in considerable force.

a new start diverted the people's minds from politics to business, entails a certain obligation for maintaining some sort of order in the long suffering little country. So long as we have to interfere it is much better to abort trouble DAILY, Per Year..... 6 00 than to suppress it, and the display of BUNDAY, Per Month..... 25 convincing force at the very outset

SUNDAY, Per Year...... 2 30 In the meantime a new treaty has DAILY AND SUNDAY, Per Year..... 8 50 been signed between our Government DAILY AND SUNDAY, Per Month.... 75 and Nicaragua. On the fifth of this month a convention ceding to us all Dolly and sunday, Per Month.... 1 90 naval privileges on the east coast was 25 payment which will go far to put the THE EVENING SUN, Per Year ...... 2 50 Nicaraguans on their feet. As an ac-THE EVENING SUN (Foreign), Per Mo. 1 03 companiment to our military aid the speedy ratification of this pact and the

#### On the March.

The news brought from Paris by a manager of theatres here that the French playwrights were all marching to the front need not bring to the publie any thought of the artistic depri-Published daily, including Sunday, by the vations they must suffer from such patriotism. If the playwrights of Germany, Russia and Austria are also employed in the same brave occupation there need be no distress on the part of American playgoers. Our most suc-

cessful plays now are native. Were D'ENNERY, SARDOU, BELOT and Paris office. 6 Rue de la Michodiere, off DUMAS on the march to-day there might be cause for distress. But with the present company of dramatists in service the theatres of this country need If our friends who favor us with manuscripts not be in the least affected. Since and illustrations for publication wish to have HENRI BERNSTEIN'S "The Thief" atrejected articles returned they must in all cases tracted large audiences throughout the country for several years only one playwright of the same nation has been responsible for the enjoyment of any large number of our citizens when they went to the theatre. This was Georges ing and listening intently another way. BEER, who wrote the original plays that the most stupendous engineering opera gave us "The Pink Lady" and "Oh! tion ever undertaken by nation or man Oh! Delphine." From Germany there was completed and unostentatiously has come in recent years only HERMAN celebrated by the opening of the Pan. BAHR with "The Concert," unless one include here the Hungarian contribution,

"Typhoon." SEM BENELLI has so far been ignored in the theatres, although recorded in any volume of history; and the Metropolitan Opera House produced it has been won by the Army of the in the text of "L'Amore de Tre Re' United States, on the lines laid down the first of his dramatic works ever to just nine years ago by President Roose- be acted here by any but itinerant Ital-VELT, when he said with his accustomed ian actors. The plays that have redon have not greatly succeeded.

It was their confidence in the plays constructed on a system which will of American authorship that led manbring to the nearest date in the future agers to prepare themselves this year the time when it is practicable to take with works by their compatriots. It the first ship across the Isthmus; that was the search for successors to "Withis, which will in the shortest time se- in the Law," "Peg o' My Heart," "Potash and Perlmutter" and "Seven Keys to Baldpate," as well as the other naguarantee permanent and ample com- the thoughts of American managers on munication for the greatest ships of our their own land rather than on Europe. navy and for the larger steamers on So they are able to regard with comparative equanimity the march of the playwrights of most of the European nations toward the seats of war.

## A Montreal Professor on American

self. The dream of four hundred years a vagrant, apologetic and deprecatory will be very unfavorable to any enarticle by Professor STEPHEN LEACOCK who is unfamiliar with the multitude American. He speaks of "we people of America," "our American colleges" and so on. Yet he is absent from that great company of professors sheltered minished by the state of Europe. Unin the American "Who's Who." Its England, and educated principally in The same factors that will limit ex-States, alike in peace and war; a having studied for the universal harm- and sightseers. But on the other hand less necessary Ph. D. at the University the flood of American tourists to Euof Chicago. He professes the humorous science of political economy at McGill University. Among his writings are "Elements of Political Science," "Literary Lapses" and "Nonsense Novels." So much perhaps ungrateful deopens the way between the two oceans tall is needed to explain that the critic at the very moment when an unex- who writes of "our country" is but making a flattering and wholly literary The management hopes that the excess a Canadian humorist.

Humorous, therefore, whatever their other justification, are his remarks, albeit dripping with the delightful old patronizing, supercilious transatlantic

years has been written by the novelists, completely ready on February 20, the essayists, poets and historians of the Brit-

"This literary sterility cannot be explained by lack of inspiration. What can be imagined more inspiring to the poet, or the novelist, than the advance of the outposts of American civilization into the enlightening and the most beautiful. wide valleys of the Ohio and Mississippi, the conquest of the plains and the prairie, tains, or the mad rush of the treasure chronicled or worthily recorded in the imaginative literature of the age; only the feeble reproduction of reality offered in the pages of such mediocre writers as

But the moral effect of their presence ing. Hear one of Mr. Cooper's Hurons wonderful panoramic view of the land-

"Where are the petticoats of the Delawares? Let them send their arrows and centre of the city. ing in the last revolution and they are their guns to the Wyandots; they shall have venison to eat and corn to hoe.

takes:

destructiveness and savage triumph, may lurgy. be expected to appear not only among a freely into the composition of the humor of American Western life."

This test enables us to attribute to FINK, the Flatboatman, that well known ballad whereof these are hunks: "Says gorging Jack to guzzling JIMMT,

'I am extremely hungaree.' To gorging Jack says guzzling JIMMY, 'We've nothing left, we must eat we.'

"Says gorging Jack to guzzling JIMMT 'With one another we shouldn't agree! There's little Bill, he's young and tender, We're old and tough, so let's eat he.'

'Oh! BILLY, we're going to kill and eat

So undo the button of your chemie.' When BILL received this information He used his pocket handkerchie.

First let me say my catechism, Which my poor mammy taught to me. 'Make haste, make haste,' says guzzling JIMMY.

While JACK pulled out his snickersne This humor of discomfiture, of destructiveness and savage triumph glares still more grimly from the final stanza: "So when they got aboard of the Ad-

miral's. He hanged fat JACK and flogged JIMMIE But as for little BILL he made him The Captain of a Seventy-three.

Our American in Montreal is filled to the ears with humor of the most august specific gravity. Just one more "The Americans produce humorous

writing because of their intensely humorous perception of things, and in despite of the fact that they are not a literary That is, some Americans write hu-

morously in spite of the fact that not all Americans are literary. No more for to-day. We must begin to search for "a literary people."

# the War.

It has been determined to make no change in the plans for the Panama- and excursions are being schemed, at the head of a hollow." Pacific Exposition to be held next year at prices ranging from a few cents up, to San Francisco in honor of the opening all the historic and scenic points of the of the Panama Canal. While the European war makes important changes in existing conditions, it is by no means certain that the changes will be altogether unfavorable. France has formally announced that notwithstanding the war she will keep her promise to participate officially. Italy's withdrawal is spoken of but not confirmed. Great Britain, Belgium, Germany, Austria-Hungary and Russia had definitely declined, so as regards official representation there is little lost.

Many private exhibitors from Eurocancel or curtail their reservations. before February next, the disorganiza-The August Nineicenth Century has cial stringency, the general mourning terprise which has an element of feson "American Humor." The reader tivity in it. It may be taken for granted that the European display as a of illustrious contemporary writers whole will be meagre and perfunctory. would suppose that this author was an This will be the most serious harm that

the war is likely to inflict. In the matter of attendance, this is likely to be promoted rather than didoubtedly few visitors will journey half around the world to see what the far hibits will reduce the tide of tourists rope will be far less than in ordinary years, and it is quite reasonable to expect that thousands who ordinarily various pleasure resorts of the Continent will turn their faces toward the Pacific in 1915 and make the San Francisco Exposition their chief objective. naturalization; in short, is writing as of American visitors will far exceed the

deficiency of Europeans. Those who betake themselves to the Golden Gate will have no cause for repining if the plans and promises of the exposition managers are fairly well realized. In the first place, it is anday announced for its opening. Then, they say, this, the third exposition of the most scientifically planned, the most

San Francisco was chosen as the exposition city by Congress in 1910. men, including Englishmen, are doing the first vision of the snow clad moun- Within a few days the citizens of the their best to kill each other in Europe municipality and the California Legisseekers to the river valleys of the golden lature raised a fund of \$20,000,000. West? Yet of all this, how little stands Then the fifty-eight counties of Cailfornia subscribed separate funds. A majority of the States have made appropriations. Including the outlay made by foreign Governments, it is expected FENIMORE COOPER, whose Indians forget by foreign Governments, it is expected has become of them? It is hardly their native taciturnity to adopt the lan-that the total expenditure will exceed probable that like the famous Kilkenny guage of a New York State assembly-man, \$50,000,000. A beautiful site has been cats they have completely obliterated and whose youthful heroines speak the selected on the shore of San Francisco each other. color of protecting American lives and chiselled diction of the Massachustets Bay. It is a natural amphitheatre; the other around the North Sea, or has one hills roll up behind it as a background; The language of a New York State towering wooded heights flank, it at from the picture. "assembly-man" is excellent good fool- either end; it commands in front a locked harbor; withal it is only fifteen minutes ride by trolley car from the

> In laying out the scheme for the exmake it as comprehensive as possible, and can't raise? We offer this specimen of native taci- but at the same time contemporaneous.

responsibility is largely at our own cock will write an essay on the Indian only in respect to its effects in the presdoor. Our stupid rejection of the origin of American political vitupera ent. A selective principle is applied have put the Nicaraguan Government upon the Stanislaus. ABNER DEAN'S truly representative. The primary who shot HERMAN ROSENTHAL. The on its feet and by giving the country point of order has just been recognized classification will be into eleven "exby a chunk of old red sandstone hitting hibit palaces" housing fine arts, eduin the abdomen. He is curied up on cation, social economy, liberal arts, the floor, which Professor Leacock manufactures and industries, machinery, transportation, agriculture, food "Now this humor of discomfiture, of products, horticulture, mines and metal-

These buildings, with a festival nall, primitive people but also in any case will be grouped to form a series of where the settlement of a new country courts adorned with fountains and statreproduces to some extent the circum- uary and beautifully illuminated at stances of primitive life. One can there- night. At one end will be the buildings fore readily understand that it enters of foreign countries and the States, with aviation field, sporting track and drill grounds; at the other the "concession" or amusement district will be an unknown Westerner, possibly MIKE situated. White is to be the prevailing note, the palaces being mainly of a "smoked ivory" tinge, but large masses of color-reds, blues, greens and golds -will be used to give life and variety to

the picture. Some of the nomenclature is fanciful. It stimulates the imagination. Through the "Arch of the Rising Sun" one will approach the "Court of Abundance." The courts of "The Four Seasons" and of "Flowers" lead to the of Abundance" will stand the statuary group of "The Nations of the East." The "Column of Progress" will be surmounted by the figure of the "Adventurous Bowman," and so on.

As it now stands, eight palaces are 152 feet in diameter and 180 feet high, is completed, and the floral displays of the world are being planted. The steel "Tower of Jewels," 433 feet high, is nearly finished, as is the \$1,000,000 Auditorium. Roadways covering 4,000,000 square feet, packed with resilient red rocks, are well advanced. The sculpture and other ornamentation is well up with the progress of the buildings. Thirty-six foreign countries and forty-four States and Territories are participating, and United States exhibits valued at \$500,000 are to be assembled in a building costing a like amount.

The number of private exhibits contracted for runs to many thousands, or fist fight excited the admiration and won the praise of everybody."

Mr. Lincoln replying, said: "Now I pass on to consider one or two more of these little follies. The Judge is wofully at fault about his early friend Lincoln being a grocery keeper. I don't know as it ducements to pleasurers. The city will be a great sin if I had been; but he is mistaken. Lincoln never kept a women and children who were dependent of the strength of the str be full of interest and gayety while the groce exposition lasts, and scores of trips

State. It may be quite safely said that a trip to San Francisco and its exposition will not be a bad substitute for a run over to Europe next summer.

Great mystery surrounds the Democratic preprimary. The gentlemen charged with responsibility for the platform pursue their labors in private, inviting their literary skill without the inspiration of an admiring gallery, apparently indifferent to the virtues of publicity and unhampered by thoughts pean countries, however, will be sure to of the heaven inspired nature of initiative and referendum.

The regulation of activities such as of the Penal Law under which they can be punished for their shrinking mod-indignant householders. mary. Perhaps there is now no section esty. Shall the void remain unfilled? Such a condition is intolerable. It is by the European war, there is another the duty of humanity's remakers, who see our political salvation in the statutory control, regulation and amendment of the natural and instinctive methods of American politicians, to render impossible another occurrence so sensible as this.

The case against the preprimary grows stronger daily as the effect of direct primary legislation gradually be-

War taxes-why not tax hyphens?

As a diversion from war talk. Professor William Bateson, the celebrated botanist, addressing the British Assowould flock to London, Paris and the ciation at Melbourne on Friday, proposes this theorem:

"We must begin seriously to consider whether the course of evolution can at all reasonably be represented as an unpacking of an original complex which con tained within itself the whole range diversity which living things present."

Perhaps if this issue had been clearly before the collective mind of Europe Pan-Germanism might have paled into insignificance. Really, on the intellectual plane it is much more important. The war on Darwinism is being strenlously waged. Professor Bateson fights "Yet the great bulk of our reputable nounced that the affair will make a new hard against the possibility of change in ommon literature of the past one hundred world record by being really, truly and organic heredity being controlled from without. He asks whether it is not just as easy to believe that "the primordial form or forms of protoplasm could have contained complexity enough to pro its class held in the United States and duce the divers types of life" as that the twelfth in the world, will be by far "these powers could have been con-

The trite saying, "It's a queer world," sur ly comes into one's head upon discovering that while millions of a great group of the best minds extant Antipodes to discuss the secrets of life.

In the noise and tumult of the strugworld seems to have forgotten the great British and German battle fleets. Are they chasing each the other? They are very much missed

Bad luck no alimony plea.-Headline. Apparently the theory of the courts that allmony itself is such bad luck that nothing can make it worse. But ported for six months at the public exposition the projectors have aimed to pense for not paying money he hasn't

Sessions upon Karl Dresner, the waiter who made a false affidavit to be used door. Our stupid rejection of the origin of American political vituperaters. A selective principle is applied as a basis for an eleventh hour pleat treaty of June, 1911, which would tion. But go with him to the Society in striving to display what is most for a new trial for the four gunmen perjury was wanton and deliberate Whether venal or not it was a vicious attack on the administration of the law and permitted of no elemency. The public is engaged in a never ceasing war with the banded forces of crime. One great need of the campaign is to break up the solidarity of the enemy. Criminals must be taught that they car not rely on each other's help, and that they cannot help each other without being punished.

> There is a great to do over the whereabouts of \$2,000,000 worth of radium sent to Europe on the Impera tor. The real point of interest is where did it come from? Who had \$2,000,000 worth of radium in this country for

Bermuda faces famine .-- Headline We can't imagine the still vexed short of potatoes, onions and Scotch whiskey especially the Scotch.

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#### LINCOLN'S EARLY LIFE. Douglas Responsible for the Story That He Kept a Tavern.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUNpractically completed and the others are will be only fifty-six years on August 21 well advanced. The horticultural dome. started the story of Lincoln's tavern keeping. As showing the vast difference in conditions between the country of that time and of this, quotations of a part of Douglas's remarks and of Lincoln's reply ought to be interesting.

Douglas, who opened the debate, said:

were both comparatively both struggling with poverty in a strange land. I was a school teacher in the town of Winchester and he a flourishing grocery keeper in the town of Salem. • • • 1 that Lincoln was always more suc cessful in business than I, for his business enabled him to get into the Legislature. I met him there, however, and had sympathy with him, because of the up-ill struggle we both had in life. He was then just as good at telling an anecdote as now. • • • He could ruin more liquor than all the boys of the town to-gether; and the dignity and impartiality with which he presided at a horse race or fist fight excited the admiration and

grocery anywhere in the world. It is true that Lincoln did work the latter part of one winter in a little stillhouse, up at

This seems to be all that history tells concerning the great President's ac-This seems to be all that history tells us concerning the great President's activities as an anti-prohibitionist. The way he states it makes it a little doubtful whether any copy of the license and bond are in existence or ever were. Maybe this still at the end of a hollow was something like those they find in the Kentucky. thing like those they find in the Kentucky mountains, for Americans in those days resented a multiplicity of laws interfering resented a multiplicity of laws interfering inquisitorially in all their private and public actions.

H. B. Goerschius.

Little Ferry, N. J., August 15.

### FOOD PRICES IN WAR TIME. The Independent but Unpopular Views of

a Disinterested Citizen. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: What a hysterical people we have become. Last when the hens of the country stopped laying, as they always do in the fall, and eggs, as is always the case under such circumstances, advanced in price, a great Although the war will probably be over before February next, the disorganization of business and industry, the financient of business and industry industry industry in the business and industry industry industry industry in the business and industry industry

> Now that a few things have advanced a little owing to the disturbance caused food products, and demands that they be

The President of the United States i appealed to and joins in the general dis day of hysterics by ordering the Attor-ncy-General and the Department of Commerce to make an investigation

Having done what he could to destroy the sugar industry of this country by insisting that sugar be placed on the free list, President Wilson is aghast at the jump in the price of sugar to 7 cents a With the sugar industries in Louisiana, Porto Rico and the Philippines crippled

ruined, and the important beet sugar dustries of the West wiped out, what ould be expected? With this country wholly dependent on

Cuba for its sugar, was there any reason to believe that the Cubans and the Ameri-can Sugar Refining Company would not take advantage of our helplessness? The Agricultural Department advises farmers to hold their wheat and cotton for better prices, and those who raise cattle, sheep and hogs can see no reason why they should not do the same thing. with the result that the receipts of meat animals at the packing house centres

have never been so low as for the pas The supply being short and the demand large, naturally the great commercial law of supply and demand comes into action and prices go up. There is no conspiracy, no restraint of trade, just an ordinary application of an old and well known law. The Government can investigate until doomsday, and that is about all the

These are my views, and I have no connection with the distribution of any sort of food products. New York, August 15.

The Fall Manœuvres They'll muster in the fall again

As in the years gone by, The shades of half a million men They'll form themselves in battle line, In ghostly rank on rank;

While on their steel the sunbeams shine, And on the guns in flank. They'll hold their cavalry in hand. And turn their scouts at large, Until a spectre gives command

To bid the shadows charge. And o'er the field where they shall fight, These weird, wan, wronged dead, Shall flee the foe in phantom flight, The war wraith at their head.

No sounds shall rise upon the air, Dim with the autumn haze, silent are the spectres where

The fall manœuvres! God, be kind To souls that come again. Where smiling brooklets gently wind Between the graves of men EDWARD S. VAN ZILE.

Here Oxen Hold Their Own With Autos. From the Lewiston Evening Journa on August 12, with about 1,000 inhabitants, It is painful that we have to do any turnity from the pages of the mediocre All ranges of human activity will be tence of eight months in the peniten.

We offer this specimen of native taci- but at the same time contemporaneous.

A richly deserved penalty is the sen- boasts some fifty yoke of oxen and nearly turnity from the pages of the mediocre All ranges of human activity will be tence of eight months in the peniten.

sort of police duty in this way, but the Cooper in the hope that Professor Lea- covered, but the past will be drawn on tiary imposed in the Court of General THE BATTLEGROUND NOT HERE. The Attempt to Divide This Into the Pro-

and the Anti-German Nation. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Your paper and others are daily publishing protests from German societies and letters with German names and with only initials rabidly protesting against the war news items and editorials and threatening all sorts of dire reprisals.

I have been for years a great

I have been for years a great admirer of the German nation and people, and the German Kaiser, both as war lord and as commercial leader, propagandist, and I know and believe that the Germans are equal to the best of our American citizens, great admirer but what does the present pro-German

uproar mean?

Never mind the causes leading to the war and who is to blame or whether the news items and editorials be fair or unfair, true or false: history will fix all that; but the protests on the part of pro-Germans raise a vital question. This is the United States of America; we are the American people and nation of some ninety millions, consisting of all nationalities and their descendants; probably ninety millions, consisting of all nationalities and their descendants; probably 90 per cent. of the former are naturalized American citizens who voluntarily and deliberately forswore their mother and father lands and did so either 40 escape compulsory military service or to better their financial condition, or both.

Are these American citizens to make this country the "cockpit" of their for-

this country the "cockpit" of their for-sworn nationalities because of a European

war? If so, the sooner the American nation recognizes this the better. Fully 70 per cent. of native Germans came to this country to escape military ervice; at least, they never performe service; at least, they never performed their military service, and under German law they are deserters. By what mental process do these German Americans up-hold the German Kaiser, Government and people in this war, when they fied from the Kaiser's military service and Govern-ment, forswore their allegiance to their fatherland and are American citizens, de jure and de facto? The same holds good but in a lesser degree even with German Americans who served their military term and are American citizens. If these and are American citizens. It these men want to fight the German Kalser's battles by land and sea, let them once more become German subjects, cease to be American citizens, and go to Europe and fight on the "firing line," and not embroil other nationalities here with their oral and non fighting.

other hattours and pen fighting.

To forswear one's allegiance to one's and pen fighting.

To forswear one's allegiance to one native land and to fly from compulsory military service is neither legally nor morally wrong, as all things are relative.

To do one or either or both ought to marican citizens; but has

Apart from the military party, the Germans and the German Americans are believers in democracy; yet if we are to believe the resolutions and letters they pass and write, they are rabid believers in autocratic military government. Until August 1, 1914. I was a believer in autocrat'e monsrchical government, and the German Kaiser was my ideal autocrat, but this war has converted me instanter. Now I believe that no man can safely be

for their daily bread on their men rela-tives, who over night have been driven like cattle from their homes to fight and take their places in this European slaugh-ter house. All for what? Damned if any one knows! STEWART BROWNE. NEW YORK, August 15.

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: a sorry spectacle to see civilized nations attack each other, and especially is it depressing to note the attitude of Eng-land, who for her own selfish interests upholds an Asiatic Tartar race. It would have been better for England to ally her self with Germany and to crush the colossus Russia, who if successful will Gubernatorial race, his closest friends

forever be a menace to the world.

Will the European nations be able to check the arrogance of Russia if Germany thing, as England will find out to her own cost. Yes, does the world want to see Byzantine-Muscovite-Mongolian ideals prevail in the future? We will all admit possible mistaken attempt of Germany to fulfil honorably the obligations of an alliance, but it must make us despondent to think that Cossackis.n shall rule.

A. Hennessy, the Governor sales the control of the candidac announcement of the candidac What terrible revenge will be exacted by Russia? At least how can Americans Russia? At least how can Ame sympathize with barbarous Russia, institutions are so contrary to their own? This sympathy is deplorable (en account of England's attitude), and I hope the public in sober thought will give vent to

its opinion by denouncing it ANTI-MUSCOVITE. NEW YORK, August 15.

# The Older Alsace and Lorraine.

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: suppose that most Americans don't know old German history very well, and I wish to say here that if the French are sorry to have lost Alsace and Lorraine in 1871, so was Germany when the French stole

its provinces in 1681 or 1683 and burned down cities and villages by the dozen. News travelled slowly in those days and Germany was depleted from the Thirty Years war; it was easy for Melac to conquer. History says that even a hundred years ago, when Napoleon was conquered, Alsace and Lorraine would gladly have returned to Germany, but Germany was not united as now and did not take the provinces. did not take the provinces. You easily see by the names that they rman—Strassburg, Muhlhausen, Metz, Osborn. Diedenhofen, &s.

I hope to God they will remain German, as they have been since the time of Charlemagne and probably before. SUMMIT, N. J., August 15. B. M. H.

## The Responsibility.

To the Editor of The Sun-Sir: What do you think should be the punishment meted out to the individuals who are responsible for the wholesale murders going on in Europe, and the consequent paralyzation of the world's trade? RICHARD MEYER. NEW DURHAM, N. J., August 15.

The Throng in Twenty-third Street. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Is there city regulation whereby a pedestriar can be permitted to have a portion of the sidewalk on Twenty-third street between

Sixth and Fifth avenues between noon and It has been my custom to dine or lunch at a restaurant on Twenty-third street at different times for over thirty years. Yesterday I left the tunnel at Twenty-third street and Eixth avenue and it was almost impossible to get by the crowd of men, smoking chean cleartification. street and Eixth avenue and it was almost impossible to get by the crowd of men, smoking cheap eigarettes and expectorating on the sidewalk. I am informed this is a daily occurrence in fine weather. Each time I go through Twenty-third street the crowd seems to grow in number and in part of the crowd seems to grow in number and in decileation in which 2.500 men are expected.

## Importations.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: I have NO MORE RELIEF CASH SOUGHT read the news that hooks and eyes com from Germany and that the market here will be bare until the war is well over. Not being able to afford a maid for my wife

# **WARSHIP MINNESOTA** BACK FROM MEXICO

Brings 950 Who Shared in Capture of Vera Cruz-All Glad to Be Here.

PROVED VALOR IN FIGHT

When Anchor Drops 450 Get First Real Shore Leave After Eight Months.

The United States battleship Min arrived here yesterday from Next waters and anchored in the North Ign opposite Seventy-ninth street. Officers ... crew were delighted that they were away from the coast of Mexico, where the average heat was 90 degrees.

The ship left Philadelphia on January 2. and went to Vera Cruz, where she took part in the seizure of the port.

Capt. Edward Simpson, the commander, sent a battalion of his men ashore on the second day to help in taking possession. The men proved their valor in the street fighting. Several of the officers and men were injured.

The Minnesota was the flagship of Rear Admiral Mayo until he transferred his flag to the Kansas.

"We left Tampico on August 7 and came direct to this port," Capt. Simpson said yesterday. "The ship is to be cleaned during the next two weeks, as her bottom is covered with tropical growth. We alternated between Vera Cruz and Tampico up to May 29, when we stayed at Tampico up to the time of sailing on our return home. For four months we remained just outside the bar at Tampico."

There are 950 officers and men on the battleship. They had only about four hours of shore leave each after the fighting at Vera Cruz was over, but were able to pick up some gaudy plumaged macaws, parrots and other tropical birds became interesting pets on ship-

After the anchor dropped into the North River yesterday Capt. Simpson granted shore leave to 450 of the crew. With a cheer they set out for "God's country," as one of the men said.

There was a big accumulation of sacks of mail for the battleship. The sacks were sent up from Galveston, the port from which mail was sent to the warships Mike Reilly, 14 years old, who said his ome was wherever he could "hang his

hat," wanted to get a near view of one of Uncle Sam's big sea fighters, and not being in a financial condition to pay a boatman peeled off his clothes and swam Out.

He had almost reached the battleship when he let out a call for help and disappeared. One of the sailors jumped

### the water and saved him. GLYNN STILL IN THE RACE.

# Has No Intention of Withdrawing

ALBANY, Aug. 15 .- Gov. Glynn has no asserted to-day. On the contrary, he has every intention of going into the is defeated? Russia will not balk at any- Democratic primaries for the nomina-

Gov. Glynn himself is not inclined to talk about his own candidacy at this time. He returned to-day from a ten the intrigues of the Austrians in the Bal-kans, the machinations of Servia and the days vacation in the woods and spent

When asked what he thought of the nnouncement of the candidacy A. Hennessy, the Governor said: "John A. Hennessy and everybody

else has a right to be a candidate. signed the law which gives everybody a chance to enter the race.' To the suggestion that the Governor

was to be offered an Ambassadorship, he replied:

#### HOUNDED, CRIES VOORHIS. Aged Superintendent of Elections

the hearings in the charges against State Superintendent of Elections John R. Voor-his were ended yesterday. Commissioner John D. McMahon of

the Rome, N. Y., will come again to the rooms of the Bar Association, 42 West in a Horty-fourth street, at 10 o'clock on Wednesday, September 2, to hear William S. Mead of Putnam county. The Honest Ballot Association and the Progressive party, Voorhis's accusers, will try to show that Voorhis removed Mead as election Cross-examination of Mr. Voorhis was

concluded yesterday. The superintenden was questioned separately about sixty was questioned separately about sixty-three voters whose names had been sen to him by the Honest Ballot Association as illegal. Forty-three of these were chal-lenged; as to the twenty others Voorhis said that his investigations did not velop enough evidence of illegality to sustain challenges and arrests. The eighty-five-year old superintendent

broke down after the hearing.
"I've been hounded," he cried. "The
men back of this attack on me made it
because I would not make room for certain persons in my office."

Commissioner McMahon reserved decision on a motion to dismiss the charges

gainst Mr. Voorhis.

### BISHOP TO DEDICATE CHURCH Great Parade to Mark Ceremonies in

Bayonne This Morning. Bishop O'Connor will dedicate the Ital-ian Church of the Assumption at the Boulevard and Twenty-third street, Bay

erve. s

How about a traffic regulation for the didewalk?

JERSEYMAN.

ELIZABETS, N. J., August 15.

Due Man Who Rejoices at the Slump in

# Banks' Applications for Emergenc

Currency End.

Not being able to afford a maid for my wife
I hope the war will continue until Necessity
proves herself a kind mother and gives us
semething that will enable a woman to dress
herself.

Rochester, N. Y., August 15.

Outwitting Nature.

Knicker—Did old man Jones pay the final debt?

Bocker—No, he declared a moratorium.

The total amount applied for up to date is \$82,323,910 and the total number of banks applying twenty-nine. The total emergency currency received in this city
up to the present time is \$71,829,600 and the total amount delivered to the banks is
\$60,850.090.